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## Hours Lengthening After Abolition Of NRA Cost Workers 839,000 Jobs

Survey Submitted by Green to  
Roosevelt Shows that Supreme  
Court's Edict Killing Recovery  
Act Also Resulted in Wage  
Cutting, Imposition of Stretch-  
out and Speed-up System,  
Child Labor Increases and  
Lower Standards for Women  
Workers.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Washington, D. C.—Following the  
decision of the United States Supreme  
Court holding the National Recovery  
Act unconstitutional, American  
employers lengthened hours of  
work so drastically that 839,000 work-  
ers have been deprived of possible  
employment, according to a report  
submitted by William Green, presi-  
dent of the American Federation of  
Labor, to President Roosevelt.

The data constituted the final re-  
sult of a survey by A. F. of L. re-  
sults which Mr. Green said showed that  
hours of labor had been increased to  
such an extent that 35,247,473  
man-hours were added weekly, an ex-  
cess of the maximum working hours  
prescribed by the NRA code.

In addition to the lengthening of  
hours the report charged that em-  
ployers had reduced wages, increased  
overtime rates, increased child labor,  
abandoned protective rules for women  
and reentered child labor after they  
outlawed protective rules outlawed under  
the code regime.

No specific recommendations were  
made in the report, but the survey  
represented a factual study. He  
added that the President manifested  
very great interest in the survey  
and said he would make a detailed  
study of it. The survey was made  
at Atlantic which Mr. Roosevelt  
plans to begin in the near future.

In an official summary of the  
survey, Mr. Green said that at  
least 4,576,000 workers were  
affected by the breakdown of labor  
standards in June, 1935, and  
March, 1936, as the result of the  
invasion of the NRA.

The nation-wide survey of depart-  
ures from the NRA minimum labor  
standards was undertaken in the  
summer of 1935, and followed  
after the Schechter decision had  
been handed down, following the  
court's decision in June, 1935.

According to this survey of the total  
4,576,000 workers affected by the  
breakdown of labor standards, 4,073,000 workers alone have suffered  
from the lengthening of hours.  
As the result of this lengthening  
of hours, 35,247,473 man-hours were  
added weekly to the economy, an  
excess of the maximum working  
hours prescribed by the  
NRA code.

The survey also showed that  
373,650 man-hours above those  
allowed were added to the econ-  
omy.

As a direct result of this lengthen-  
ing of hours, 839,000 workers  
have been deprived of possible  
employment in the current  
economy. In other words, the  
opportunities were lost owing to the  
lengthening of hours, 839,000  
jobs in any single industry in the  
United States.

Wages Lengthened  
The increase in weekly hours of  
work among the workers affected  
by changes in hour schedules ranged  
from 7.5 hours per week. In a great  
many cases the hour schedule was  
lengthened without a proportionate  
increase in the wage.

When this occurred, the effect of  
the departure from NRA standards was  
highly destructive, for not only were  
the employees forced to work longer,  
depriving the unemployed of work,  
but the additional hours worked with-  
out a clear wage loss, less-  
ened the competition.

NRA Standards Strapped  
The Federation's survey shows  
that the following types of depart-  
ures have been most manifest in the post-  
NRA period:

- (1) Lengthening of hours; (2) wage cutting below the minimum rates established by code; (3) abandonment of overtime rates for overtime work; (4) reduction of wages above the minimum; (5) stretch-out, doubling-up and speed-up; (6) widespread recurrence of child labor; (7) resumption of home work; (8) elimination of minimum apprenticeship standards; (9) abandonment of old standards for night work and special labor standards for women in industry.

Cut-Through Company, H. Labor  
The facts disclosed by the survey  
show that when the NRA was in-  
vaded the day and night work in  
factories in the industry was broken. On  
a scale never preceded in our his-  
tory there followed a period of  
labor standards painstakingly built  
up during the preceding years.

In some industries these standards  
were swept away almost immediately.  
In others, the slow process of  
cutting and lengthening of hours has  
been persistently going on, the  
foundations of the structure of labor  
standards.

The appearance of one cut-throat  
competitor often started a wave of  
wage-cutting throughout the entire  
industry. Many employers who be-  
lieved in the benefits of the NRA  
standards resisted as long as they  
could this competitive pressure, but  
were finally forced to give in.

## EDUCATIONAL

### PUBLIC FAVOR CCC CAMPS

A poll taken by the American Insti-  
tute of Public Opinion shows that 82  
percent of the nation is in favor of  
continuing the Civilian Conservation  
Corps camps for the employment of  
unemployed young men between the  
ages of 18 and 25 to protect and im-  
prove the nation's forest lands and similar  
conservation work. The boys are given  
cash allowance of \$20 per month, of  
which at least \$12 are sent to depend-  
ents. In addition, they are provided  
with food, clothing and medical care.

The authorized strength of the CCC is  
250,000. The enrollment of 131,711  
recruits from unemployed youth to  
bring the camps up to their maximum  
strength is now under way.

The 1935 convention of the American  
People's Party of the United States  
(CNC) camps "have provided the most  
notable experiment upon a nation-wide  
scale for adjusting American youth to  
the machine age," and urged a continu-  
ance of them and the future expansion  
of their educational service.

## STRIKES INCREASE TRADE UNION STRENGTH

Journalist satellites and post actors  
have been busy since the outbreak of  
the strike against strikes because of  
the increased activity of the labor  
movement. The strike has been a  
achievement from this method of en-  
forcement of the law.

The record of strikes in the United  
States shows that the number of strikes  
has increased in the last few years.  
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this method of enforcement of the law.

Confronted with these demands on the  
part of the public, the labor movement  
has been forced to increase its efforts  
to achieve from this method of en-  
forcement of the law.

Telegrams of condolence were re-  
ceived by Mr. Roosevelt's family from  
many labor leaders, newspaper editors  
and public officials. Among these  
were: William Green, president of the  
A. F. of L.; Charles P. Howard, presi-  
dent of the International Association of  
Firefighters; Joseph P. Ryan, presi-  
dent of the United Brotherhood of Car-  
penters and Joiners of America; and  
John L. Lewis, president of the United  
Mine Workers of America.

Shoe Firm Claims Plan  
Guaranteeing 52 Weeks'  
Pay Per Year Succeeded

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Milwaukee, Wis.—Henry L. Nunn,  
president of the Nunn-Bush Shoe Com-  
pany, declared today that his plan for  
guaranteeing his employees 52 weeks  
of work had succeeded.

The underlying principles of the plan,  
according to Mr. Nunn, are that the  
employee should be able to maintain  
the selling price of all the shoes they  
make, and that they should be able to  
maintain the selling price of all the shoes  
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St. Louis Firm Accused  
Of Padding Payroll

St. Louis, Mo. (APLNS)—The  
Federal grand jury here indicted the  
Mack Metal Weather Strip Company and  
its president on a charge of defrauding  
the government by padding its payroll  
in connection with a contract for  
the construction of the Neighborhood  
Gardens housing development.

The indictment charged that the  
company had paid its employees more  
than the number of hours they worked  
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## SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN PRAISED BY MORRISON

### A. F. of L. Secretary Tosses Workers' Convention Roosevelt Is Protector of the Masses.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Newark, Ohio—High praise for the  
principles of the Social Security Act  
and for President Roosevelt's en-  
thusiastic sponsorship of the measure  
was expressed by Frank Morrison, sec-  
retary-treasurer of the American Fed-  
eration of Labor, in an address before  
the convention of the American Public  
Opinion Poll.

One of the conditions that I am very  
thankful for, and I know that you are,  
Mr. Morrison said, "is the fact that the  
United States Government, headed by a  
conscientious President, Franklin D.  
Roosevelt, is taking the lead in the  
supreme task of taking care of the un-  
employed and the children of the un-  
employed."

The Social Security Act, Mr. Mor-  
rison said, is a landmark in the history  
of the United States. It is a landmark  
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Protection for Millions  
"Millions of workers will have protec-  
tion of their old-age savings," Mr. Mor-  
rison said. "The Social Security Act  
will protect the old-age savings of  
millions of workers."

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MORMON PLAN FOR TAKING  
80,000 IDLE OFF RELIEF

Self-Sustaining Projects are Financed  
By "Paid" Donations

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Salt Lake City, Utah—Harold B. Lee,  
secretary of the Mormon Relief Society,  
announced today that the society had  
received approval from the Federal  
Government to operate a program of  
self-sustaining projects.

The program, Mr. Lee said, would  
provide relief for 80,000 idle workers  
by operating self-sustaining projects.  
The projects would be financed by  
"paid" donations.

Textile Workers Educate  
Public on Union Demands

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
An interesting and progressive trend  
in trade union tactics is indicated  
by the action of the United Textile  
Workers of America in launching an  
educational campaign with the object  
of informing the public of the funda-  
mental principles of its demands.

Plans for Legal Defender  
Wins Allotment From WPA

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
The government has made an allotment  
of \$2,000 to the United Textile Workers  
of America for the purpose of employ-  
ing a legal defender to represent the  
union in connection with the Federal  
Labor Relations Board case.

Jobless Girls Warned  
Not to Go to New York

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
The joint warning issued by 122 social  
agencies in New York City that out-  
town girls should stay away from the  
city's metropolis unless they had  
first secured employment was issued  
by the year without warning.

873,000 IDLE GET JOBS

Geneva, Switz. (APLNS)—Officials of  
the International Labor Organization  
today announced that 873,000 un-  
employed workers in the United States  
were expected to find work during the  
summer months.

## WOLL WARNS AGAINST RISE IN PUBLIC DEBT

### A. F. of L. Official Visions Inflated In Large Government Expenditure

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Charlottesville, Va.—The danger of  
inflation resulting from continued Fed-  
eral deficits was voiced here by Matthew  
Woll, third vice president of the Amer-  
ican Federation of Labor, in an address  
at a round table conference on "Current  
Problems of Business and Finance."

Declaring that he spoke for labor and  
the public, Mr. Woll said that the "small  
income worker as well as the wage earner," Mr.  
Woll said, "is the one who is most  
affected by inflation."

"We already have the beginning of an  
inflationary movement," Mr. Woll said.  
"The public debt is rising, and the  
inflation is rising."

KANSAS SOLONS DEBATE  
CONSTITUTION CHANGE

State Legislature Considers Method  
For Participation in Federal Social  
Security Program

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Topeka, Kan.—The Kansas State  
Legislature today began a debate on  
whether to consider an amendment to the  
State Constitution to allow the state  
to participate in the Federal Social  
Security program.

The amendment, Mr. Woll said, would  
allow the state to participate in the  
Federal Social Security program.

Contract With Pocketbook  
Workers Union Canceled  
By Leather Workers' Union

Kansas City, Mo. (APLNS)—General  
President W. E. Bryan and General  
Secretary J. E. Ryan of the United  
Leather Workers' International Union  
today announced that they had  
canceled a contract with the Leather  
Workers' Union of America.

Wisconsin Milk Condensery  
Union Wins Point in Walkout

Whitewater, Wis. (APLNS)—Union  
members employed by the Libby, Mc-  
Neill & Libby Condensery here today  
won a point in their walkout by  
forcing the company to agree to a five-  
man arbitration board.

Strikers, Most of whom belong to the  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and  
Joiners of America, today won a point  
in their strike by forcing the company  
to agree to a five-man arbitration board.

New Martinsville, W. Va. (APLNS)—  
Striking union workers here today  
won a point in their strike by forcing  
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GLASS WORKERS WIN

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## A. F. of L. Campaign to Unionize Workers in Steel Industry Thwarted By Industrial Organization Group

### "Division, Discord and Confusion Within the Ranks of Organized Labor" are the Results of Flouting Decision of 1935 American Federation of Labor Convention, Green Declares.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Washington, D. C.—William Green,  
president of the American Federation of  
Labor, issued the following statement  
regarding the steel industry campaign  
launched by the Industrial Organi-  
zation Group.

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